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SUBJECT: VISIT OF USAEC SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE

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1. APPOINTMENT WITH MR. HUGH EVANS, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT ECONOMIC SECRETARY, CONFIRMED FOR 1000 MARCH 20. ALSO PRESENT THEN WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE FROM CHINA LIGHT AND POWER, LARGEST POWER COMPANY HERE.

2. HAVE ALSO ARRANGED APPOINTMENT WITH WESTINGHOUSE (L. C. SAUNDERS) AT 1400. UNFORTUNATELY, GENERAL ELECTRIC REPRESENTATIVE (ED NAYLOR) WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG MARCH 19 FOR BANGKOK TO PURSUE NUCLEAR PROJECT THERE.

3. HELFRICH VISIT TO HONG KONG TIMELY. EVANS TOLD CONGEN AFTER RETURN FROM ECAFE ENERGY CONFERENCE THAT PAPER TABLED THERE ON COMPARATIVE ECONOMICS OF FOSSIL AND NUCLEAR PLANTS MADE LATTER INCREASINGLY ATTRACTIVE (WE HAVE ASKED EMBASSY BANGKOK FOR COPY). MEANWHILE, LOCAL UNDERSTANDING OF NUCLEAR POWER TECHNOLOGY IS GROWING. CHIEF ENGINEER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER RETURNED RECENTLY FROM U.S. AND CANADA WHERE HE VISITED NUCLEAR POWER INSTALLATIONS. AND PRESS REPORTED MARCH 8 THAT CHINA LIGHT AND POWER AND HONG

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KONG GOVERNMENT ARE DISCUSSING NUCLEAR POWER WITH UK

GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH ELECTRIC, AND THAT A UKG-GE TEAM
IS LIKELY TO VISIT HONG KONG SOON.
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